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II. A Letter of Dr. Wallis to Dr. Sloan, Secretary to the Royal Society, giving an Account of some late Passages between him and Myn Heer Leibnitz, of Hannover.

April. 22. 1699.

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I Received lately a Letter from Myn Heer *Leibnitz*, of *March 30th.* 1699. wherein are some Passages relating to *Mathematicks*; of which I shall not at present trouble you with a particular Account.

After which follows a Passage somewhat relating to the Royal Society, in these words: *Nescio quomodo remissius nunc tractantur studia altiora, cum tamen nunquam, post tot aditus apertos, facilius potuerint tractari. Sed puto infelicia tempora intercessisse, dum bella curas hominum aliò vertère, Ita pauci admodum juvenes in pristinæ gloriæ spem succrescunt. Etiam Natura quam paucos nunc Observatores diligentes habet. Utinam, ut Gallica Scientiarum Academia nuper à Rege suo restituta est, etiam Vestræ Regiæ Societati novus calor infunderetur.* To which what I have thought fit to return in Answer, you will see afterwards.

He then sends me the Copy of a large *French* Letter, of *l' Abbé de la Charmoye* to *l' Abbé Nicaise*, giving him a Particular Account of the Contents of a Treatise intended to be shortly published, concerning the *Original of Nations*; wherein, out of *Ancient Mythology*, he endeavours to discover an *Historical Account* of the *Original* of divers Nations. Which Copy Myn Heer *Leibnitz* desires me to communicate to the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Lichfield and Coventry* [now Bishop of *Worcester*] (who doth sometimes make use of such

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Methods where Histories are silent) and to such others as to whom I may think it grateful, which makes me to send it to you, to communicate as you shall see cause.

To which Myn Heer *Leibnitz* subjoins some Thoughts of his own to that purpose, He thinks this *French* Author may be perhaps inclinable to be somewhat partial in favour of his *Gauls* or *Celtæ*, but however that some good Discoveries may be hence made. He tells us, as his own sense, That *Celtæ olim Germanos & Gallos comp. sebantur. Quid Wallica seu Cambrica nostra Lingua, est Semi-germanica, veteri Gallicæ proxima. Putatque, saltem suspicatur, Camros vel Cambros nostros, pro parte, ex ipsorum Cimbriæ antiquis habitatoribus venisse, ut postea Angli ex posterioribus sunt egressi. Titanum cum Diis bello, veteres intellexisse putat, Scytharum vel Celtarum antiquas in Asiam & Græciam irruptiones; tunc cum ibi regnabant qui postea Diæ sunt habiti. Et Promethei (Titanis) alligationem ad Caucasum, forte non aliud designare, quam, coercitos copias ad Caspias portas locatis Scythas. Sed nihil (inquit) est in his ultra conjecturas.*

III. *An Account of the Abbot Charmoy's Book, according to his own Relation, sent to Abbot Nicaise, in form of a Letter, which he calls, L' Origin des Nations.*

THE Author first says, his Book shall be publish'd under the Name of, *The Origin of Nations*. That it shall be an Historical Comment upon the Tenth Chapter of *Genesis*, where *Moses* mentions the first Fathers and Replenishers of the Earth, after the Deluge. This Work the Author divides into Five Books.